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<u>Poland:</u> Despite the government's repressive measures, student demonstrations have continued in Warsaw and have spread to other cities.

Several thousand demonstrators again clashed with police in Warsaw late on 12 March, after authorities issued a formal warning earlier in the day against further disturbances. Some 300 students also gathered in a nonviolent demonstration in front of the university in Poznan. A similar sympathy demonstration was staged by students in Krakow on 11 March.

Polish leaders are clearly concerned about the need to forestall a coalition between the students and workers, which might get out of hand. The leaders may be unable to block such a development, however, if student unrest continues.

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Southern Yemen: The National Liberation Front government has belligerently aligned itself with the socialist world against the "colonialists led by the US."

A statement issued after its recent conference makes clear that the front has decided to follow what it calls a revolutionary policy internally and externally. Resolutions call for victory by the Yemen Arab Republic and unity with Yemen, as well as support for other liberation struggles in the Persian Gulf and the Arabian Peninsula.

Internally the front calls for the establishment of people's councils, people's guards, and a separate militia, the introduction of "scientific socialism," and the expansion of the front's high command to 41 members.

The new foreign policy seems certain to invite active intervention in Southern Yemen's affairs by other states of the peninsula, including the Yemeni royalists. The internal policy line seems to be a direct slap at the army, hitherto regarded as the moderating anchor of the government.

moderate elements within the government pushed through these policy statements as a maneuver to undercut the extreme left and to entice Soviet aid. Whether or not moderate elements still have significant influence, pro-Soviets control most of the propaganda organs, and the over-all trend appears to be farther toward the left.

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| Ethiopia: Several minor incidents and two recent | |
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| sharp clashes between Ethiopian forces and guerrilla | |
| bands of the insurgent Eritrean Liberation Front may | |
| indicate an upswing in the front's operations, after a | |
| long period of relative inactivity. The curtailment of | |
| radical Arab aid to the insurgents following the Arab- | |
| Israeli war and intensified Ethiopian security measures | |
| have impaired the front since mid-1967 | 25X1 |
| supplies and money are again | |
| reaching the front, particularly through uninhabited | |
| areas along the Red Sea coast. | 25X1 |
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